

May 5, 1988

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U. S. EPA - Region V
Waste Management Division
CERCLA Enforcement Section
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Dear Ms. Swales:

Re: Ninth Avenue Dump, Gary, IN
U. S. Scrap, Chicago, IL

I want to thank you for giving our company until May 6, 1988 to respond to your letter dated March 9, 1988 concerning the above subject sites.

We have searched the files or records inventory of our former and present facilities (West Pullman, Tractor Works, Wisconsin Steel, and Melrose Park) located near the subject sites and find no records of any shipments, invoices, or receipts between Navistar (International Harvester) and those sites. We have likewise interviewed several employees who used to work at our above mentioned facilities and none can recall sending materials to the subject sites.

Please note that for the relevant time period of your inquiry, 1965 to 1977, all invoices and similar documents have been destroyed in the early 1980's. Our Corporate records retention standards require destruction of invoices and similar documents five (5) years after issuance or after the completion of the IRS audit of those documents. For Wisconsin Steel, which records are still available, a search did not turn up documents showing any transactions between that facility and the subject sites.

We are willing to cooperate with the government in its efforts to remediate these subject sites to the extent that we can be satisfied with our alleged involvement. Therefore, we would appreciate receiving copies of all documents you have indicating that Navistar is a potentially responsible party at the subject sites. We would also like to know the cost allocation currently estimated for Navistar at each site.

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Please let me know of any meetings that the Agency plans to have with the alleged PRP's for these two sites.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edith M. Ardiente

Edith M. Ardiente, P.E.
Manager, Environmental Affairs

I, Edith M. Ardiente, depose and state that the information contained in this letter is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Signed before me this 5th day of May, 1988. My
commission expires March 17, 1990.

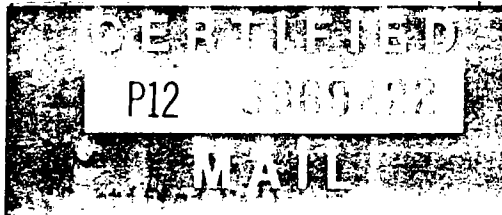
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